

THE SWEETEST BABY OF ALL.

I sing you to rest with a dear old song,
That echoes from days of yore,
For many a mother has sung it to her babe,
And many a father has sung it to his babe,
And many a brother has sung it to his babe,
And many a sister has sung it to her babe,
And many a friend has sung it to his babe,
And many a stranger has sung it to his babe,
The sweetest baby of all.

Though others may welcome to broader lands,
And boast of a fuller store,
And fill with gifts their tiny hands,
And all money can buy for their babe,
No matter to me what wealth befall,
For blessings to what I lack I feel,
And riches may not be my own best know,
The sweetest baby of all.

The cooling was words that babies repeat,
And the drop of a sleepy head,
And the dimples lurking in hands and feet,
And the look of love in baby's eyes,
Are joys that never pall, to prize
The sweetest baby of all.

The heavy lids close and the drowsy head,
Falls softly on my breast,
And gently transferred to my arms,
My darling one sinks to rest,
With swift little hands that I watch
So lovingly in their sleep,
Quite softly I kiss you good night,
The sweetest baby of all.

—Nellie M. Tener, in Farm Journal.

FIGHT WITH A MADMAN.

BY WILLIAM A. TAAPPE.

I was traveling in a "milk train" on a "Jersey railroad" in California. The train consisted of a locomotive and a single length of freight car, with two passenger cars bringing up the rear—one a smoker, I was in the latter, and it was night. At either end a full and flickering light flamed the extremities of the car and intensified the darkness of the interior. The only other occupant was a man at the further end, who sat directly under the light with his back toward me.

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GRAND ARMY REUNION.

The Encampment at St. Paul to Be Well Attended.

Some of the Gentlemen Who Desire to Be Commanded in Chief—What is Being Done for the Comfort of the Veterans.

(Special Chicago Letter.)

Citizens of St. Paul are deeply interested in the approaching encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in that city September 5 next, and are exerting themselves in effort to make the occasion a memorable one, so far as lies within their power to do so.

Members of the Grand Army are looking forward to the meeting with decided satisfaction, and they confidently predict that it will be the largest gathering of the kind since the war.

The present officers of the Grand Army of the Republic are Ivan N. Walker, commander in chief; Irwin Doubleday, adjutant general; and J. Burbank, quartermaster general; and these officers are kept busy arranging for the coming gathering. Quartermaster General Burbank, whose headquarters are in Chicago, is especially active in promoting the work and giving his attention to its details.

Naturally enough, and as always is the case in advance of the encampment, greatest concern focuses about the selection of a successor to Commander in Chief Walker. Three candidates are in the field, and nominations would seem to have closed. The aspirants for the place are T. S. Clarkson, of Omaha; Daniel E. Hellen, of Rhode Island; and John Linehan, of New Hampshire. All of these men have excellent war records, and are worthy and good citizens.

Mr. Clarkson was originally from Illinois, from which state he entered the army in 1862, fighting in the most famous battles of the war. At last year's encampment he was a candidate for commander in chief, but the sentiment for Mr. Walker was so strong that he withdrew. There is a widespread feeling among his comrades, especially in the west, that this action, together with his record as a soldier and citizen, entitles him to the distinction. All that militates against the success of Mr. Clarkson is the fact that he is not a native-born American. He has courage, tact, organizing qualities and knows how to control himself as well as to direct others. He has legions of friends.

The first day, Tuesday, will be given to the council of administration, a body composed of 45 members, one of which is sufficiently large for the holding of the body, while the hotel accommodations are ample for all comers. The vine of the war, and during the gathering excursions will be made to the various points of interest within a radius of 100 miles.

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the same time with it, for the reasons that most of the members have relatives who are members of the grand army and it is a matter of convenience that the meetings be held at the same time and in the same place. The Grand Army of the Republic are especially strong in Pennsylvania, outnumbering the Women's Relief corps in that state, but the latter are numerous throughout the United States. Both organizations promise to hold interesting meetings and to carry out the program.

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FOUND AMONG RUBBISH.

A Congressional Directory Issued in the Year 1838.

It Contains Information That Is of Great Interest to a Countryman of a Century Has Changed Every Condition.

(Special Washington Letter.)

The congressional directory of the Fifty-fourth congress contains a list of 356 members of the house of representatives and 100 members of the senate, making a total of 456 members of both houses of congress. The directory gives the autobiographies of the statesmen, and also their addresses while resident of the national capital.

How many years congressional directories have been authorized and printed is difficult now to ascertain. It has recently been made apparent, however, that a congressional directory was published in 1838, and it is presumed that it was by private enterprise and not by congressional authority. When the total membership of the senate and house of representatives was less than 200 members of the house of representatives, the directory was a small pamphlet. It has gradually grown into a volume of 300 pages.

The early directories did not give biographies of the congressmen, but simply noted their congressional districts and the states which they represented. The directories of the present day give condensed histories of the lives of the statesmen, including a list of their offices, as well as their addresses in the past. The directories are also given of the presidents, vice presidents and members of the cabinet, and a list of the members admitted to the press galleries, and an alphabetical list of the ambassadors, ministers, consuls general and consuls.

The directory of 50 years ago was altogether different, although the manner of information contained therein was of the same kind. It was a directory of the members of the house of representatives, and a list of the members of the senate and house of representatives in the committees of the senate and house. Henry Clay was chairman of the militia committee, and James Buchanan of foreign relations. John Quincy Adams was chairman of the house committee on Oregon territory. Tom Corwin, of Ohio, was a member of the judiciary committee and John Quincy Adams was chairman of the "select committee on duelling."

The directory toward the close of the quaint little volume announces that "the United States and president of the United States, Richard M. Johnson, of Kentucky, is vice president of the United States and president of the senate, Capitol Hill; John Forsyth, secretary of state, residence, the Pennsylvania, F. Grundy, United States attorney, at Mrs. Corwin's street, Levi Woodbury, secretary of the treasury, President's square; Lovell B. Point, the secretary of war; Maj. Gen. Alexander Macomb, general of the army; James K. Paulding, secretary of the navy; Amos Kendall, postmaster general."

Then follows the bureau chiefs, officers of the senate and house of representatives and the members of the supreme court. The latter are given as Roger B. Taney, chief justice, Baltimore, Md.; associate justices: James Story, Salem, Mass.; Smith Thompson, New York; John McLean, Cincinnati, O.; Henry Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John W. Wayne, Savannah, Ga.; Philip P. Barlow, Georgetown, D. C.; John Jay, New York; and John McLean, Cincinnati, O.

The list following is that of "foreign ministers near the United States and ministers at Legations, and consuls at United States abroad," and it is not nearly so formidable numerically as the list in the modern directories. We had no consuls in the United States, only a few consuls and a little bit of a list of consuls. We were not ambitious in international affairs, but our government was devoted wholly to the welfare of our own people. President Monroe had told the world that we as a nation should attend strictly to our own business, and had refused to get involved in the old world, to keep their hands off of this continent.

SMITH D. FRY.

Depends on the Amount.

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Americans as her senators—Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun. Tennessee numbered among its 13 representatives James K. Polk, who was then speaker, in the Twenty-fifth congress. The Twenty-fifth congress was composed of representatives from Columbia, Maryland and Bedford counties, and his Washington residence as "Elliot," the Pennsylvania avenue.

There are now the dilapidated old structures which stand on the southeast corner of New Jersey avenue and E street southeast, then a most fashionable and aristocratic locality.

John Tipton appears as one of the senators from Indiana, while in the Mississippi column it is announced the two members of the house, S. S. Prentiss and T. J. Ward, were "elected by general vote," meaning a vote of the people as the state had not then been divided into congressional districts.

Illinois had but three representatives, Abraham Lincoln, of course, and one from Michigan one. The delegates were George W. Jones, Wisconsin territory; Charles Downing, Florida, and John C. Calhoun, South Carolina.

Following the congressional lists are several pages under the caption: "Board houses and members' messes," arranged in alphabetical order. Among the larger hostilities mentioned were "Brown's hotel, built of brick," "The Native American hotel," "McDonnell's hotel," and "The National hotel," near Pennsylvania avenue.

"Union hotel, Georgetown, with buses leaving from city of Washington every day at 10 o'clock."

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